

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week November 7, 2017 through November 12, 2017.

Tuesday

11/07/2017

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes for the reporting period.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Friday's eight race program was completed at 2:30 p.m. consisting of four Quarter Horse, three Thoroughbred, and one mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred race. Fifty six horses are scheduled to start.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The sixth race in the condition book, for California-Bred claiming, three year olds and upward, claiming \$2,500, was called off with no entries.

(4) **OWNER ENRIQUE GONZALEZ (EG HIGH DESERT FARMS) – 9TH RACE PROTEST**

Mr. Gonzalez, owner of the second place finisher "MATILDA CZECH" in the ninth race on Sunday, November 5th, 2017 (Grade I Golden State Futurity), appeared in the Stewards office to file a protest of the official order of finish, as he feels the photo finish line is not properly placed on the winner's nose.

Wednesday

11/08/2017

(1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Friday's scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. resulting in two jockey changes, one equipment change, and six weight changes.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Saturday's nine race program was completed at 1:00 p.m. consisting of four Quarter Horse, two Thoroughbred, and two mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred races.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The fourth race in the condition book, for California-Bred maiden fillies three years old, was called off with one entry.

Thursday

11/09/2017

(1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Scratch time for Saturday night's program was conducted at 9:00 a.m. resulting in no changes.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Sunday's nine race program was completed at 1:30 p.m. consisting of six Quarter Horse, one Thoroughbred, and two mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred races. The program is highlighted by the \$921,500 Grade I Los Alamitos Super Derby.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the condition book, for California-Bred maiden, two year olds, claiming \$5,000 going 300 yards, was called off with one entry.

Friday

11/10/2017

(1) O'DELL MEDICATION HEARING

Trainer Chris O'Dell was in the office this evening in response to complaint #17LA0310 filed by CHRB Investigators alleging his horse "HOT LOOKING GUY" the second place finisher in the fifth race on September 8, 2017, test sample #LA 37901 showed a presence of 110 pg/mL of Betamethasone in the post-race sample. The allowable limit is 10 pg/mL.

Mr. O'Dell stated that the horse was treated by attending veterinarian, Charles Jenkins three days prior to the race; he also stated the treatment was his normal medication procedure. The Stewards will deliberate on the matter and a decision will be forthcoming.

(2) RULINGS #302 - #305

RULING # 302

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2017.

RULING # 303

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2017.

RULING # 304

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2017.

RULING # 305

JOCKEY CODY JENSEN IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2017.

After the Stewards review of the ninth race on Sunday, November 5, 2017, the \$938,500 Grade I Golden State Futurity, and the films confirming the violations of Rule #1688 (b)(6). The above rulings were issued.

(3) NUNEZ RULING

RULING # 306

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1852 (REPORTING TO RECEIVING BARN) ON NOVEMBER 5, 2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Trainer Nunez's barn employees failed to deliver his horses to the receiving barn in a timely manner, for the first race on November 5, 2017.

(4) HARDGROVE RULING

RULING # 307

VETERINARIAN NICOLA HARDGROVE IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1845 (E) (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION – FAILURE TO SUBMIT BLEEDER TREATMENT REPORT ON TIME).

The foregoing ruling was issued after speaking with Dr. Hardgrove via telephone, her explanation of the untimely report was due to a filing error.

(5) O'DELL RULING

RULING # 308

TRAINER CHRISTOPHER G. O'DELL WHO STARTED THE HORSE "HOT LOOKING GUY", THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2017, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF THE HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B & D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), AND #1844 (F)(1)(BETAMETHASONE (110 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (10 PG/ML).

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards discussed the testimony in Mr. O'Dell's case, as his horse had tested positive for Betamethasone. Since his last violation was over two years ago, we felt that the minimum penalty was in order.

(6) FIRST RACE – OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the first race, Trainer Robert Lucas lodged an objection against #3 "LUCKARACK" (2nd Salvador Iniguez) down the backside of the 4½ furlong Thoroughbred race, as his horse #1 "LUCKY COTTON" (5th Marcial Ramirez) checked into the turn. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the Stewards agreed no change was warranted.

(7) SECOND RACE – INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the second race to examine an incident approaching the ¼ pole of the 4 ½ furlong Thoroughbred race. #1 "SONG FOR JADE" veered in, hitting and going over the inside rail, unseating Jockey Gallyn Mitchell. The four year old filly "SONG FOR JADE" was euthanized due to her injuries, the E.M.T's were on scene to attend to the fallen ride, Gallyn was stabilized and transported to UC Irvine Medical Center, an accident report will be attached with the minutes.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS – CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#3 Luckarack (Tr. M. Pender) claimed – Tr. A. Aquino
	#5 Jalisco Three (Tr. M. Stortz) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$160.00
	Jockey Brandon Boulanger – off all mounts replacement riders were announced
4 th Race	#2 El Ultimo Billeto (Tr. V. Zamuido) – sick – Dr. Pattio Refund \$1,067.00
	#4 Patrona Dash (Tr. R. Zuazo) – claimed Tr. A. Vallejo
5 th Race	#5 Nashoga (Tr. J. Nunez) – Bolted – Stewards list must qualify prior to next start
6 th Race	#3 Royal Primetime (Tr. J. Nunez) – Entered back – Stewards
8 th Race	#4 Favorite Class (Jockey Carlos Huerta) – sick – replaced by jockey Roberto Hernandez

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	683	On Track Handle:	\$98,139.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,776</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$258,297.50
Total:	2,459	Out of State:	<u>\$624,394.25</u>
			\$980,831.65

Saturday
11/11/17

(1) SECOND RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the second race Thoroughbreds going 4½ furlongs, to examine an incident approximately 100 yards out of the gate. #7 “Dicky Derby” (1st Minor Arana) drifted in causing #6 “Rossmoor Way” (6th – Felipe Martinez) and #5 “Swallows Inn Gal” (3rd – Vinnie Bednar) to steady and definitely affecting their chance at a better placing. After speaking to the riders involved and a thorough review of the tape, the Stewards in a majority vote, steward Tom Ward dissenting, disqualified #7 Dicky Derby from first and place him sixth.

Original Order of Finish (7)-2-5-1-4-6-3

Official Order of Finish 2-5-1-4-6-(7)-3

(2) SIXTH RACE – CLAIM VOIDED

The sixth race claim of “Commando Inferno” by trainer Jose Hernandez Jr. was voided after CHRB Veterinarian Dr. Pattio placed the gelding on the Vet’s List as unsound. Commando Inferno was returned to the barn of trainer Jose A. Flores.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Corn On The Code (Tr. L. Bradvica) claimed by Tr. K. Craigmyle
4th Race #7 Babe Can Fly (Jockey E. Gomez) replaced by R. Hernandez
5th Race #3 Magical Lucky (Tr. Charles Treece) injured at gate – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$14,052.00
 #6 Sausalito Sunset (Jockey G. Mitchell) replaced by B. Boulanger
7th Race #1 Outofourfavoritepie (Tr. C. O’Dell) claimed by A. Vallejo
 #2 Thought Out (Tr. S. Willoughby) claimed by Tr. C. O’Dell
 #5 Favorite Vallentine (Tr. J. Nunez) sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$538.00
9th Race #3 Well Good (Tr. S. Willoughby) sore – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$14,094.00

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	865	On Track Handle:	\$101,469.90
Off Track Attendance:	1,866	Off Track Handle:	\$335,691.40
Total:	2,731	Out of State:	\$616,316.33
			\$1,053,477.63

Sunday
11/12/17

(1) FILMS SALVADOR INIGUEZ

Jockey Sal Iniguez was in to review the first race from Friday, November 10, 2017. Going down the backstretch his mount drifted in, causing the horse trailing him to steady briefly. Mr. Iniguez was in agreement with the Stewards and said he would make a better effort in the future. A warning was issued.

(2) FILMS MINOR ARANA

After reviewing last evening’s second race with Jockey Minor Arana during which he was disqualified, the Stewards felt an adequate effort was made on his part, and he was held blameless.

(3) BOULANGER RULING

RULING # 309

JOCKEY BRANDON BOULANGER IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 11, 2017.

After reviewing Saturday’s fifth race with Jockey Brandon Boulanger, the foregoing ruling was issued after the films confirmed a violation of Rule #1688(b)(6). Mr. Boulanger had no defense.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS - CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #4 Silic’s Angel (Tr. J. Nunez) injured at starting gate – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund \$9,086.95
 #7 Stomy Countess (Tr. B. Grayson) sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$4,446.04

2nd Race #6 Gracias Tom (Tr. F. Gonzalez) claimed Tr. Rafael DeLeon
 5th Race #5 Gal Up Gal (Jockey G. Mitchell) replaced by V. Bednar
 #6 Turf Club Queen (Tr. K. Craigmyle) claimed Tr. Jesus Nunez
 6th Race #Emeralds N Ivory (Jockey Martin Arriaga) replaced by V. Bednar
 7th Race #3 Da One Special (Jockey R. Hernandez) replaced by M. Arana
 #4 One Smart Investor (Jockey M. Arriaga) replaced J. Rangel
 8th Race #5 Favorite Bling (Jockey C. Huerta) replaced by C. Mendez
 #7 Pasobility (Tr. J. Hernandez) claimed by A. Vallejo
 9th Race #2 Look At Her (Tr. P. Jones) Stake – Stewards. Refund \$108.50
 #4 Billionaire Boy (Tr. M. Robbins) Vet's list – Dr. Pattio. Refund \$173.20

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	672	On Track Handle:	\$123,403.20
Off Track Attendance:	1,751	Off Track Handle:	\$388,762.70
Total:	2,423	Out of State:	<u>\$937,642.27</u>
			\$1,449,808.17

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 12, 2017. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 10 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 1 for soundness, 3 for injury, 4 for sickness, 1 for bleeding, and 1 for shock wave therapy.

Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2017**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 11/10	SAT 11/11	SUN 11/12	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				1	0	0	1	9
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		2	3	3	8	311
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	0	1	34
INQUIRIES	D				2	1	0	3	68
REFUNDS		A			2	3	4	9	327
RULINGS			Y		7	0	1	8	305
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	0	1	92

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Ron Church, James Dreyer, Tom Ward, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Ron Church (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)